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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO U.S.

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1. DUE TO WIDE RANGE OF RENTAL COSTS DEPT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE USEFUL COST ESTIMATES REQUESTED REFTEL; BUT IS FORWARDING BY AIR POUCH LIST OF LOCAL REAL ESTATE AGENTS WHO COULD PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION.

2. DEPT NONETHELESS WISHES TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO GOS AND REQUESTS THAT YOU PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE SEYCHELLOIS OFFICIALS:

A) CASE OF SEYCHELLES SIMILAR TO THAT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, WHICH RECENTLY OPENED MISSION HERE. PNG WORKED CLOSELY WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. AUSTRALIANS PROVIDED OFFICE SPACE, POLICY GUIDANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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SUPPORT FOR SEVERAL ADVANCE PARTY OFFICERS FROM NEW GOVERN-

MENT, WHO THUS WERE ABLE TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF POST ON THE SCENE. GOS MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SEEKING SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH BRITISH EMBASSY HERE.

B) TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION SEYCHELLES' LIMITED RESOURCES, DEPT HAS NO PREFERENCE AS TO WHETHER AMBASSADOR RESIDES IN EITHER NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. CHOICE IS ENTIRELY UP TO GOS ACCORDING TO ITS PRIORITIES.

C) FIRST STEP IN ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE FOR NEW AMBASSADORS FOLLOWING RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE LETTER CONTAINING REQUEST FOR "AGREEMENT", I.E., CONFIRMATION THAT THE PRESIDENT FINDS NOMINEE ACCEPTABLE. LETTER SHOULD COME FROM GOS FOREIGN OFFICE AND BE PRESENTED TO U.S. EMBASSY IN VICTORIA FOR FORWARDING TO DEPARTMENT. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF AGREEMENT (PROCESS NORMALLY ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN TWO WEEKS), SEYCHELLOIS AMBASSADOR MAY TAKE UP RESIDENCE. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AT WHITE HOUSE IS ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL.

D) DEPT IS ALSO POUCHING LETTER REQUESTING "AGREEMENT" (PAPUA NEW GUINEA) AND OTHER RELATED PAPERS WHICH EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO PASS TO SEYCHELLES OFFICIALS AS GUIDANCE. KISSINGER

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